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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-215d of the 2018 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There is established the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory
5 Council. The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The
6 Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (2)
7 the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
8 designee; (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
9 designee; (4) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
10 Services, or the commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of
11 Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of
12 Rehabilitation Services, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the
13 Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's
14 designee; (8) the Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the
15 commissioner's designee; (9) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
16 Management, or the secretary's designee; (10) two persons with autism

17 spectrum disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and the
18 speaker of the House of Representatives; (11) two persons who are
19 parents or guardians of a child with autism spectrum disorder, one
20 each appointed by the Governor and the minority leader of the Senate;
21 (12) two persons who are parents or guardians of an adult with autism
22 spectrum disorder, one each appointed by the president pro tempore
23 of the Senate and the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
24 (13) two persons who are advocates for persons with autism spectrum
25 disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and the speaker of the
26 House of Representatives; (14) two persons who are licensed
27 professionals working in the field of autism spectrum disorder, one
28 each appointed by the Governor and the majority leader of the Senate;
29 (15) two persons who provide services for persons with autism
30 spectrum disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and the
31 minority leader of the House of Representatives; (16) two persons who
32 shall be representatives of an institution of higher education in the
33 state with experience in the field of autism spectrum disorder, one
34 each appointed by the Governor and the president pro tempore of the
35 Senate; (17) the executive director of the nonprofit entity designated by
36 the Governor in accordance with section 46a-10b to serve as the
37 Connecticut protection and advocacy system, or the director's
38 designee; and (18) one person who is a physician who treats or
39 diagnoses persons with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the
40 Governor.

41 (b) The council shall have two chairpersons, one of whom shall be
42 the Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee,
43 and one of whom shall be elected by the members of the council. The
44 council shall make rules for the conduct of its affairs. The council shall
45 meet not less than four times per year and at such other times as
46 requested by the chairpersons. Council members shall serve without
47 compensation.

48 (c) The council shall advise the Commissioner of Social Services
49 concerning: (1) Policies and programs for persons with autism

50 spectrum disorder; (2) services provided by the Department of Social
51 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services; and (3)
52 implementation of the recommendations resulting from the autism
53 feasibility study. The council may make recommendations to the
54 commissioner for policy and program changes to improve support
55 services for persons with autism spectrum disorder.

56 [(d) The Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council shall
57 terminate on June 30, 2018.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-215d
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HS *Joint Favorable*